

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 14 and 15 with the following amended paragraph:

Figure 3 shows diagrammatically the properties of examples of compensation fibers used in compensation modules of the invention. Figure 3 takes the form of a table with seven ~~nine~~ columns and eight rows. The first row specifies properties of the chromatic dispersion compensation optical fibers. The next seven rows correspond to seven examples of compensation optical fibers. The first column gives the numbers of the examples. The second column gives the ratio, expressed in nm, between the chromatic dispersion and the chromatic dispersion slope at a wavelength of 1550 nm. The third column gives the type of compensation optical fiber, DCF band C indicating a compensation optical fiber optimized in band C, DCF band L indicating a compensation optical fiber optimized in band L, and DCF 3 indicating a compensation optical fiber that is not optimized either in band C or in band L. The fourth column gives the length in kilometers (km) of compensation optical fiber used in the corresponding submodule, when the length of the line optical fiber is 100 km. The fifth column gives the chromatic dispersion in ps/(nm.km) at the wavelength of 1550 nm. The sixth column gives the chromatic dispersion slope in ps/(nm².km) at the wavelength of 1550 nm. The seventh and last column gives the effective surface area in μm^2 at a wavelength of 1550 nm.